

December 3, 2001

Deena Sheppard-Johnson, SR-6J United States Environmental Protection Agency Remedial Enforcement Support Section 77 West Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL 60604

RE: The Chemical Recovery System Site, Elyria, Ohio

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

On November 13, 2001, Aexcel Corporation f/k/a DeSantis Coatings, received the U.S. EPA's Notice of Potential Liability, dated March 2, 2001 and the request to provide information pursuant to CERCLA 104(e), 42 U.S.C. § 4604(e). The Information Request indicated that the information sought must be returned to U.S. EPA within 30 calendar days of receipt.

Aexcel Corporation requests a 30-day extension of time, up to and including January 13, 2002 to respond to the U.S. EPA's Information Request. Since the relevant time period appears to be 1979-1980, Aexcel's records are not readily available. Any records from this time period are in storage on old "microfische" which will require an extended period to retrieve and review. Your courtesy in granting this modest extension of time would be appreciated. Please call the undersigned immediately if the Agency cannot grant this request.

Sincerely,

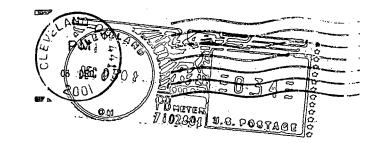
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